

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 7922

UNCLAS ABU DHABI 1559

E O 11652: NA

TAGS: EAIR

SUBJ: HELICOPTER CRASH ABU DHABI

REF: TELCON WATCH OFFICER/WRAMPPELMEIER

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT HELICOPTER CHARTERED TO NATIONAL DRILLING COMPANY FROM ABU DHABI HELICOPTER SERVICE COMPANY, LTD. CRASHED INTO GULF 140 KILOMETERS NORTH OF ABU DHABI AT 8:15 A.M. JUNE 3, 1978. SIXTEEN PERSONS WERE ABOARD HELICOPTER AND ALL SIXTEEN WERE KILLED. NO REPEAT NO AMERICANS WERE ON BOARD. NATIONALITIES ABOARD HELICOPTER WERE EIGHT BRITISH, INCLUDING PILOT, ONE SCOTTISH, ONE CANADIAN, ONE YEMENI, ONE EGYPTIAN, ONE BAHRAINI, ONE PAKISTANI, ONE INDIAN, AND ONE UGANDAN.

2. HELICOPTER WAS FLYING BACK TO ABU DHABI FROM ABU GALANI (TRADITIONAL NAME FOR AREA WHERE ZAKHUM OFF-SHORE OIL FIELD IS) AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CRASHED SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF. THE UAE MARINE FORCES ARE SEARCHING THE AREA AND TO DATE HAVE DISCOVERED ONE BODY AND THE TAIL OF THE HELICOPTER.

3. NO OTHER DETAILS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE.  
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